

Please see **3 IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS** below regarding: 1) WIDA WebEx, 2) FINAL REMINDER: Spring 2013 ELPA Tested Roster Closes Tomorrow, and 3) Fall 2013 Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot.

1) WIDA WebEx

The Office of Standards & Assessment (OSA) will be hosting two high-level WIDA Assessment of English Proficiency WebEx sessions which will be held on **Wednesday, May 22, 2013 from 11:00a.m.-11:30 a.m.** and **Thursday, May 23, 2013 from 11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** The purpose of the WebEx is to give assessment coordinators an overview of the transition to WIDA and to answer any general questions. This WebEx is not intended to be a training session, but rather an informational session covering Michigan's transition to WIDA.

To confirm your participation, we are requesting that you respond via email to Cristina Rodriguez at rodriguezc@michigan.gov. Please indicate the day that you would like to participate. Upon receipt of your confirmation, instructions will be sent to you on how to access the WebEx. Space is limited, so be sure to **confirm by Monday, May 20, 2013.**

2) FINAL REMINDER: Spring 2013 ELPA Tested Roster Closes Tomorrow, Friday, May 17, 2013

This is a reminder that your opportunity to verify the Spring 2013 English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELPA) Tested Roster **will close at 11:59 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, May 17, 2013.** Verifying the completeness of the Tested Roster is ESSENTIAL. It is your ONLY opportunity to ensure that no student scores are missing and that your ELPA reports will be correct.

Instructions for verifying the Tested Roster are located on the login page of the BAA Secure Site by clicking the link for the *BAA Secure Site User Manual* (www.michigan.gov/baa-secure). We urge you to print out these instructions. They describe the review process and how to report errors or discrepancies.

3) Fall 2013 Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot

The Bureau of Assessment and Accountability (BAA) is pleased to offer another opportunity to participate in the Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot for science and social studies, and offer for the **first** time an opportunity to participate in the Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot for grades K-2 in the subjects of English language arts (ELA) and mathematics. When operational, these new interim assessments will be online, pre-post assessments given at the beginning of a grade/course and end of a grade/course. These operational assessments may also be used as one possible measure of student growth.

Michigan educators will play a critical role in assisting the BAA in the development of the Michigan Interim Assessment at all grade levels and content areas. **Schools have the opportunity to experience these new assessments during pilot testing, which will take place in October and November 2013 for students in grade K through 2 in ELA and**

mathematics as well as students in grades 3 through high school in science and social studies. (See application link below to apply.)

Michigan Interim Assessment Pilot			
Grade Levels	Content Areas		Alignment
K – 2	ELA and Mathematics		Common Core State Standards
3 – 7	Science		Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)
3 – 8	Social Studies		Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCEs)
High School	<u>Science</u> Earth Science Biology Chemistry Physics	<u>Social Studies</u> US History & Geography World History & Geography Civics Economics	High School Content Expectations (HSCEs)

Please see chart below for minimum technology requirements when considering participation:

Minimum Technology Requirements for Student Testing Devices	
Apple	Windows
MAC OS X 10.6 – 10.8	Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, Server 2003 and 2008
512 MB RAM	512 MB RAM
800 x 600 screen resolution	800 x 600 screen resolution
100 MB hard disk space	100 MB hard disk space
1 GHz processor	1 GHz processor
Neither tablets (iPad/Android) nor Chromebooks will be supported for this pilot.	

NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE INTEREST SURVEY FOR ONLINE MEAP TESTING.

To participate in the **Michigan Interim Assessment pilots**, please complete the application at <http://tinyurl.com/interimpilotapp>. Districts may have several buildings participate but each building must register with a separate application. **Applications must be completed by Friday, June 14, 2013.**

For more information regarding the interim assessments, visit www.michigan.gov/interimassessments or contact:

Interim Assessment Contacts		
<u>Elementary (K-5)</u> Erika Bolig 517-241-6397 bolige@michigan.gov	<u>Secondary (6-12)</u> Kim Young 517-373-0988 youngk1@michigan.gov	<u>Technology</u> Matt Ayotte 517-335-4643 ayottem@michigan.gov

Questions?

For assessment questions, please email baa@michigan.gov.

For accountability questions, please email MDE-Accountability@michigan.gov.

For phone assistance with assessment or accountability issues, call 877-560-8378 and select the appropriate menu option.